

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION

Thursday, February 16, 2012

10:10 a.m.

in

Michael J. Lombardi Building  
831 Massachusetts Avenue  
Basement Conference Room  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

William Dwyer, Superintendent of Streets  
George Fernandes, City Electrician

Patricia Lewis, Administrative Assistant

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

GEORGE FERNANDES: This is the meeting of the Pole and Conduit Commission. Thursday, February 16, 10 a.m. in the Michael J. Lombardi Building at 831 Mass. Ave. in the basement conference room. Present is George Fernandes City Electrician and Bill Dwyer, Superintendent of Streets.

And the first item will be a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting from January 19th.

WILLIAM DWYER: Second.

GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

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COMCAST: Grozier Road

GEORGE FERNANDES: First item is Comcast. And that's a trench 45 feet from

1 the public way from pole 248/2 Grozier Road  
2 on private property at 465 Huron Ave.  
3 including sidewalk and restoration.

4 ANTHONY VATALARO: And so this was  
5 the Verizon application from last month for  
6 Grozier and that got approved. Comcast  
7 hadn't filed.

8 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

9 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

10 Motion to approve?

11 WILLIAM DWYER: The conditions would  
12 be -- the general conditions we usually have  
13 with city permits and SPOF regulations will  
14 apply. After that, we're fine with  
15 everything else on there.

16 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, motion to  
17 approve?

18 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

19 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

20 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

21 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

1 ANTHONY VATALARO: Thank you.

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3 COMCAST: 30 Agassiz Street

4 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, Comcast for  
5 30 Agassiz Street, trench four feet in the  
6 public way, install one to two-inch conduit  
7 from pole 80/7. Property owner will be  
8 responsible for installation of conduit and  
9 all restoration of the sidewalk.

10 JACQUI DUFFY: And they were waiting  
11 for us and Verizon, and we're right below it.  
12 I don't know about Verizon.

13 GEORGE FERNANDES: You had Verizon  
14 last time.

15 We approved it last time.

16 So we also have NStar on the same  
17 petition from pole 7, 75 feet of conduit for  
18 a distance of -- 75 southeast of Lancaster  
19 Street for a distance of five feet.

20 So conditions upon Comcast?

21 WILLIAM DWYER: Would be the same as

1 before, ci ty permi ts and SPOF regul ati ons.

2 GEORGE FERNANDES: And SPOF.

3 Moti on to approve?

4 WI LLI AM DWYER: Seconded.

5 GEORGE FERNANDES: Al l i n favor?

6 WI LLI AM DWYER: Yes.

7 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

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9 NSTAR: Agassi z Street

10 GEORGE FERNANDES: NStar for Agassi z  
11 Street. Condi ti ons? Same?

12 WI LLI AM DWYER: Same thi ng, yes.

13 GEORGE FERNANDES: Same thi ng.

14 Moti on to approve?

15 WI LLI AM DWYER: Seconded.

16 GEORGE FERNANDES: Al l i n favor?

17 WI LLI AM DWYER: Yes.

18 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

19 ANTHONY VATALARO: Thanks.

20 WI LLI AM DWYER: Wi l l you fol ks be  
21 tal ki ng to the property owner?

1 ANTHONY VATALARO: Agassi z?

2 Probabl y the contractor.

3 WILLIAM DWYER: All right. Just  
4 advise him that the electrician can't dig up  
5 the sidewalk without a permit. Get a permit  
6 from Public Works along with the electrical  
7 permit.

8 GEORGE FERNANDES: I think I have a  
9 name contact for them.

10 JACQUI DUFFY: I have a Dean  
11 Johnson. Is that who you have?

12 GEORGE FERNANDES: No.

13 JACQUI DUFFY: No.

14 GEORGE FERNANDES: I have the  
15 electrical contractor.

16 WILLIAM DWYER: Thank you.

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18 NSTAR: Cambridge Park Drive

19 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, next is  
20 NStar for Cambridge Park Drive approximatel y  
21 200 feet west of Alewife Brook Parkway, a

1 distance of 113 feet of conduit and build  
2 manhole 29480.

3 JACQUI DUFFY: This is for another  
4 part of the drainage improvement.

5 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

6 WILLIAM DWYER: Thought so.

7 GEORGE FERNANDES: And this is in  
8 the cul-de-sac?

9 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes. We're fine  
10 with everything. Public Works is fine with  
11 it.

12 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

13 WILLIAM DWYER: With all the  
14 conditions will be under -- fine with the  
15 installation and move forward with this. I'm  
16 pretty sure it will be done under the large  
17 capital contract from what we see anyway.

18 GEORGE FERNANDES: Right.

19 WILLIAM DWYER: So just the city  
20 specifications. It probably will be done by  
21 a city hired contractor.



1                   GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, motion to  
2 approve?

3                   WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

4                   GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

5                   WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

6                   GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

7                   \* \* \* \* \*

8                   NSTAR: Linsky Way

9                   GEORGE FERNANDES: NStar Electric  
10 for Linsky Way, southeasterly from new  
11 manhole C29479 to SC No. 338, approximately  
12 160 feet east of Second Street, a distance of  
13 approximately 50 feet of conduit and build a  
14 new manhole 29479 and new SC No. 338.

15                  SUSAN VARROSO: This is where we  
16 plan to put the temporary on the sidewalk.  
17 The customer is supposed to be here today. I  
18 don't know if they're here.

19                  ATTORNEY JAMES RAFFERTY: I'm Jim  
20 Rafferty. I represent the customer,  
21 Alexandria Real Estate. I think we were

1        expecting SEA as well, but I don't see them  
2        here.

3                GEORGE FERNANDES: So this is to  
4        install a transformer and switch gear on --

5                WILLIAM DWYER: Right.

6                GEORGE FERNANDES: -- on the  
7        sidewalk which we would not do. But I think  
8        this is supposed to be in the footprint of  
9        the sidewalk.

10               WILLIAM DWYER: DPW is in mitigation  
11        agreements with this development.

12               ATTORNEY JAMES RAFFERTY: It's very  
13        extensive.

14               WILLIAM DWYER: We're fine as long  
15        as they follow city spec and SP0F. But there  
16        has to be mitigation agreements. Those are  
17        the conditions. City specs, city permits,  
18        and follow through with the mitigation  
19        agreements, we're good. DPW is good.

20               GEORGE FERNANDES: And what's your  
21        timeline for this? Do you know?

1                   ATTORNEY JAMES RAFFERTY:   Very  
2                   uncertain.   Not in the immediate future.   I  
3                   mean in terms of -- I mean, at the moment  
4                   there are no active efforts to begin  
5                   construction.   So the last conversation I had  
6                   last day or two is that they were, they  
7                   weren't pushing on this if the Commission  
8                   needed more time or whatever.   But I think at  
9                   the moment there's a bit of a hiatus because  
10                  there isn't a tenant that's been identified.  
11                  This is the type of building that won't get  
12                  constructed until a tenant's been identified.

13                  GEORGE FERNANDES:   We could give an  
14                  approval to this, and if it's longer than six  
15                  months, it has to come back.

16                  ATTORNEY JAMES RAFFERTY:  
17                  Understood, yes.

18                  GEORGE FERNANDES:   And I would say  
19                  that NStar wouldn't do the work anyway until  
20                  such time they're asked to seeing how the  
21                  construction's going to be delayed.

1                   ATTORNEY JAMES RAFFERTY: If that's  
2 possible, I think they would prefer just to  
3 get the approval and return in six months if  
4 need be. In all likelihood they probably  
5 will be back in six months, but hopefully  
6 within that second interval they will be  
7 underway.

8                   GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

9                   So there will be no construction on  
10 this unless Nstar Electric is asked to  
11 proceed within the six-month period otherwise  
12 they'll come back here.

13                  SUSAN VARROSO: Okay.

14                  GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay. Motion to  
15 approve?

16                  WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

17                  GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

18                  WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

19                  GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

20                  ATTORNEY JAMES RAFFERTY: Thank you  
21 very much.

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NSTAR ELECTRIC -- Fawcett Street

JACQUI DUFFY: That's the one we're going to change. We're not going to go on Concord Ave., but we're waiting for new plans to come back. You didn't want us to dig on Concord.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Right.

JACQUI DUFFY: We're just going to continue it.

GEORGE FERNANDES: You're going to wait?

JACQUI DUFFY: Yes.

GEORGE FERNANDES: So it's a motion to continue.

WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

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1        NSTAR: Trowbridge Street

2                GEORGE FERNANDES: Next is NStar  
3        Electric for Trowbridge Street northerly from  
4        manhole 2910 at Mass. Ave., a distance of  
5        approximately 82 feet of conduit.

6                ANTHONY VATALARO: This is going to  
7        be from Mass. Ave. too, same building.

8                GEORGE FERNANDES: So no one here  
9        for this project?

10               JACQUI DUFFY: No, I think -- were  
11        you going to check with the Historical  
12        Society lady?

13               GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes. I need the  
14        contact for the development.

15               JACQUI DUFFY: The customer contact?

16               GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

17               JACQUI DUFFY: Okay.

18               GEORGE FERNANDES: If you can send  
19        that to me.

20               JACQUI DUFFY: Okay.

21               GEORGE FERNANDES: I will have him

1 go to the Hi storical Commi ssi on and get an  
2 approval .

3 JACQUI DUFFY: Okay.

4 SUSAN VARROSO: I wi ll be happy to.

5 GEORGE FERNANDES: Uh-huh. It is  
6 going to be a transformer on the property.

7 SUSAN VARROSO: It's goi ng to be a  
8 vault. A manhol e.

9 GEORGE FERNANDES: What' s goi ng on  
10 the property?

11 SUSAN VARROSO: It' s goi ng to be  
12 transformers and a manhol e.

13 GEORGE FERNANDES: Transformers?  
14 Outdoor, ri ght?

15 SUSAN VARROSO: In a manhol e.

16 GEORGE FERNANDES: In a manhol e on  
17 the property.

18 SUSAN VARROSO: Yes.

19 GEORGE FERNANDES: Oh, okay, so he' s  
20 doi ng underground.

21 JACQUI DUFFY: But I thi nk she had a

1           problem with this one before.

2                   WILLIAM DWYER: Well, as long as  
3           they're not exposed.

4                   GEORGE FERNANDES: It's not exposed.

5                   WILLIAM DWYER: It's going to be in  
6           the parking garage, isn't it?

7                   GEORGE FERNANDES: Originally they  
8           said pad mount.

9                   SUSAN VARROSO: Yeah, but now it's a  
10          vault. So it's in a manhole now.

11                  GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay. So that's  
12          probably why they changed.

13                  JACQUI DUFFY: Maybe.

14                  GEORGE FERNANDES: They only did  
15          that at the hotel, we'd be all set.

16                  SUSAN VARROSO: Still there. It's a  
17          nice design. Painted.

18                  WILLIAM DWYER: I have a question.  
19          Now, you obviously have to come up Mass. Ave.  
20          you're coming a whole different trench,  
21          different location.



1                   ANTHONY VATALARO: I have existing  
2 conduit on Mass. Ave. so I thought it would  
3 be -- it's actually a smaller, if I came  
4 from -- I don't really -- if I came from the  
5 conduit on Trowbridge, it would be a much  
6 bigger trench.

7                   WILLIAM DWYER: Okay. How long is  
8 there going to be a trench?

9                   ANTHONY VATALARO: It's total, the  
10 two sidewalk panels and it's about roughly --

11                  GEORGE FERNANDES: 16 feet.

12                  ANTHONY VATALARO: The whole thing  
13 is 16 feet.

14                  WILLIAM DWYER: You're not going to  
15 be in the street at all?

16                  ANTHONY VATALARO: No, I am -- the  
17 conduit's two feet off the curb. So I would  
18 put a manhole right over that and excavate  
19 right to the building.

20                  WILLIAM DWYER: That's good. I know  
21 at Public Works we have mitigation agreement

1 with the developer to redo Trowbridge all  
2 over again. I just didn't know, I couldn't  
3 -- I just couldn't piece together real quick  
4 where your conduit was and where you were  
5 going to come out of it and that's what I'm  
6 asking. No, that's fine if it's going to be  
7 that minimal, that seems fine.

8 ANTHONY VATALARO: Okay.

9 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, so this is  
10 underground. All right.

11 Motion to approve?

12 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

13 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

14 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

15 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

16 PATRICIA LEWIS: No stipulations to  
17 that, just approved?

18 GEORGE FERNANDES: Permit and city  
19 SPOF.

20 WILLIAM DWYER: I'm sorry. City  
21 permit and SPOF regulations. Well, SPOF

1 would be the mitigation we have. SPOF  
2 regulations. City permits, city specs, and  
3 SPOF regulations.

4 ANTHONY VATALARO: Thank you.

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6 COMCAST: 1075 Mass. Ave.

7 GEORGE FERNANDES: For Comcast I'll  
8 read this. Comcast place a new manhole over  
9 existing conduit in front of 1075 Mass. Ave.  
10 A trench 16 feet in the public way, including  
11 eight feet of sidewalk from the new manhole  
12 ending at 1075 Mass. Ave.

13 So this would be permits and SPOF?

14 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

15 GEORGE FERNANDES: Motion to  
16 approve?

17 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

18 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

19 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

20 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

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1        NSTAR: Massachusetts Avenue

2                GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay, NStar  
3        Electric Massachusetts Avenue, southwesterly  
4        from manhole C1193, approximately 175 -- 170  
5        feet northwest of Cameron Street, a distance  
6        of 28 feet of conduit. This is for Rounder  
7        Records.

8                JACQUI DUFFY: For apartments. But  
9        we're waiting for Comcast and Verizon.

10               ANTHONY VATALARO: I have to apply.

11               WILLIAM DWYER: We're left with the  
12        moratorium tomorrow. No, only kidding.

13               ANTHONY VATALARO: Well, we're on  
14        the sidewalk.

15               WILLIAM DWYER: You folks going to  
16        be all in the same trench?

17               ANTHONY VATALARO: I believe I'm  
18        coming from the corner of Cameron and, is it  
19        Fairmount is the -- what's the side street?

20               JACQUI DUFFY: Fair Oaks.

21               GEORGE FERNANDES: Fair Oaks.

1 ANTHONY VATALARO: Fair Oaks.

2 Coming from that first pole right on the  
3 corner.

4 WILLIAM DWYER: On the totally  
5 opposite side of the property then?

6 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes. I think  
7 Verizon is going to come as well, but I'm not  
8 sure.

9 ANTHONY VATALARO: Mine will be just  
10 the sidewalk, sidewalk panel.

11 WILLIAM DWYER: That's electrical.  
12 I think it is sidewalk going through a  
13 handicap ramp.

14 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.  
15 Conditions?

16 WILLIAM DWYER: Same, specs, permits  
17 and SPOF regulations.

18 JACQUI DUFFY: So are you going to  
19 approve?

20 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.  
21 Motion to approve?

1 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

2 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

3 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

4 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

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6 NSTAR: Ames Street

7 GEORGE FERNANDES: Next is Ames  
8 Street and we're waiting on Verizon.

9 ANTHONY VATALARO: They actually  
10 contacted me.

11 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

12 ANTHONY VATALARO: I have a meeting  
13 there today at 11:30.

14 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

15 ANTHONY VATALARO: But I don't know  
16 if I'm able to -- I don't really have  
17 anything that close by to them so I don't  
18 know if it's going to exceed what Comcast  
19 will do.

20 GEORGE FERNANDES: Okay.

21 We'll continue it anyway because we

1 still need Verizon. Okay?

2 Okay. Motion to continue?

3 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

4 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

5 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

6 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

7 PATRICIA LEWIS: You're waiting for

8 Verizon and Comcast? Both of them?

9 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

10 Motion to adjourn.

11 WILLIAM DWYER: Seconded.

12 GEORGE FERNANDES: All in favor?

13 WILLIAM DWYER: Yes.

14 GEORGE FERNANDES: Yes.

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16 (Whereupon, at 10:25 a.m., the

17 Pole and Conduit Meeting Adjourned.)

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